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II. REMARKS

The presently claimed invention offers novel and nonobvious methods for treating individuals with diabetes mellitus or for modulating expression of genes encoding liver proteins that play a role in this disease. Common to all methods is the step of administering an inhibitor of the interaction between the cAMP responsive transcriptional activator CREB and CBP, a protein that binds to the phosphorylated (i.e., activated) form of CREB and mediates cAMP responsive transcription.

Claims 1, 7, 12, 17 and 18 have been amended and claims 25-33 have been newly added to define an aspect of Applicant's invention with greater particularity. Claim 25 and dependents are directed to a method of inhibiting expression of PEPCK enzymes in an individual. The amendments and new claims submitted herewith do not introduce new matter or require a new search. The new claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims (see e.g., page 20, lines 1-11). Thus, claims 1-7, 12, 17 and 18-33 are currently pending in this application.

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III. SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.
Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action on all the claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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